THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Government has been advising the State Governments|State Electricity Boards to clear the overdues of the Central Undertakings. Since the arrears kept on accumulating, the Central Government have decided that 25 per cent of the overdues as on a pre-determined date may be adjusted against the Central assistance payable to the State Governments for their plan schemes. The balance will similarly be adjusted in three consecutive years in equal instalments. The undisputed dues as on 31st May, 1990 (more than two months old) to Central Undertakings, *viz*, NTPC, NHPC, BHEL, CIL and NEEPCO from the SEBs have been estimated at Rs. 2762.82 crores. 25 per cent of the undisputed overdues i.e. Rs. 690.74 crores is being recovered in the current financial year 1990-91 in three instalments with effect from August, 1990 by adjustment against Central assistance payable to the State Governments during the year and the balance will similarly be adjusted in three consecutive years in equal instalments. The concerned State Governments have been further requested that the balance of the overdues from their SEBs to Central Undertakings may be cleared early. This position is being monitored closely.

Ayurvedic treatment in foreign countries

*258. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that facilities for Ayurvedic treatment exist in hospitals in some of the foreign countries; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps for contributing to the expertise and knowledge of Ayurvedic System of Medicine in those and other willing foreign countries; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Requests received from foreign countries in this regard are responded positively. Scholars from abroad also avail of the educational facilities in our Ayurvedic institutions. On the request of Government of Mauritius, an Ayurvedic expert was deputed for two months during 1988. Further experts in the field of Ayurveda have been exchanged with the Peoples Republic of Mongolia.

Indian Airlines Engine Overhaulling Workshop at Palam

*259. CHOWDHURY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines is setting up an aircraft engine overhauling workshop at Palam, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what kind of aircraft engines would be overhauled in that workshop; and

(c) by when the said workshop will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The workshop will take up work of overhauling turbo fan type engines of moder JT8D installed on B-737 aircraft.

(c) The final testing of machinery and equipment is in progress, after completion of which the work will start in a phased manner.

AIDS ward in AIIMS

*260. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AIIMS was sanctioned a grant of three million rupees to open an AIDS Ward;